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EIS Office, US Dept. of Energy Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Mgmt 1551 Hillshire Drive Las Vegas, NV 89134

Re: Opposing the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository

Dear Sir or Madam:

I strongly oppose the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository. My late brother-in-law, Thomas Pointer, ran a nuclear plant in Idaho. He died recently of lung cancer of a type which is consistent with particle inhalation, and had been part of a futile class-action law suit against the federal government by many of his people who had this type of cancer—despite the roentgen counters they all wore to warn them if they ever went over the "safe" limits set by the government.

Tom couldn't talk about his work much, but he was asked to head up the New Mexico facility some years ago and visited the site; he turned the job down flat. When I pressed him for a reason, he indicated that he thought it was a very bad idea. Now it appears that this site is already compromised after just a few years.

So now the feds want to steal the Shoshone lands to build another such facility in one of the most seismically-active areas of our nation, where any spills would contaminate the huge Amargosa river basin and the state's largest dairy.

There are many reasons that this is a horrible idea but they are too numerous to mention here and pretty obvious. I believe that the few I've mentioned should be enough to stop this project in its tracks.

Sincerely,

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